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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

Addendum

The following should be added to the memorandum by the Secretary-General of 30 August 2001 (A/BUR/56/1):

1. After paragraph 5, *insert*

5 bis. The Secretary-General wishes also to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 20 of the annex to resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, which reads as follows:

"20. In order to enhance the capacity of the General Committee to assist the President of the General Assembly in the conduct of the business of the Assembly and to improve continuity between its different sessions, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made informally, without any amendment to rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, by means of a letter to its President".

2. After paragraph 29, *insert*

29 bis. In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the annex to decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001, which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly, while reaffirming paragraph 28 of annex VI to its Rules of Procedure, reiterates that the terms 'takes note of' and 'notes' are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval".

3. After paragraph 31, *insert*

31 bis. The need to take concrete action to implement paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, including by requesting more integrated reports, was reiterated in paragraph 15 of the annex to resolution 55/285.

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31 ter. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 17 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

"17. Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines."

4. After paragraph 44, *insert*

44 bis. Also in this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraphs 3 to 6 and 8 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which read as follows:

"3. All cooperation items shall be clustered under an item entitled 'Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations' and individual cooperation items shall become sub-items of that item.

4. Practical measures to implement the clustering shall be taken in September 2001 by the General Assembly in conjunction with the adoption of the agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

5. The cooperation items shall be biennialized, starting at the fifty-seventh session, and shall appear in the agenda of the Assembly thereafter at odd-numbered sessions.

6. Pursuant to the above decision, the biennialization shall be reflected in each related resolution, starting at the fifty-sixth session, as appropriate.

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8. Any resolution under individual sub-items shall remain separate."

44 ter. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraphs 10 and 11 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which read as follows:

"10. The following items shall be considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and thereafter biennially:

(a) 'Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic';

(b) 'Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies';

(c) 'United Nations reform: measures and proposals';

(d) 'The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti';

(e) 'Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields'.

11. The following item shall continue to be considered biennially, at even-numbered sessions: 'Elimination of coercive measures as a means of political and economic compulsion'."

5. In paragraph 46:

(a) After item 20, *insert*

21. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System.

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie.

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States.

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States.

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization.

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Present items 21 through 32 will be deleted and subsequent items will be renumbered accordingly;

(b) After item 189, *insert*

190. Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly (A/55/241 and decision 55/402 B of 7 September 2001).

6. After paragraph 47, *insert*

47 bis. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

"12. The following item shall be considered by the Third Committee starting at the fifty-sixth session: 'Implementation of the outcome of the World

Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly'."

7. In paragraph 49:

(a) After item 188, *insert*

190. Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly (A/55/241 and decision 55/402 B of 7 September 2001).

(b) After entry "Item 188 Plenary meetings", *insert*

Item 190 Sixth Committee

8. After paragraph 50, *insert*

50 bis. Also with regard to *item 10* of the draft agenda, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

"14. As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action, as provided for in paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241."

9. After paragraph 52, *insert*

52 bis. With regard to *item 21* of the draft agenda (Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 55/285, in which the Assembly decided that a joint debate shall be held on the cooperation item, during which all or some aspects of cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations may be addressed.

10. In paragraph 60:

(a) **Plenary meetings**

(i) After item 20, *insert*

21. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System.

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie.

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States.

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States.

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization.

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Present items 21 through 32 will be deleted and subsequent items will be renumbered accordingly;

(ii) After item 37, *delete*

38. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (P.38).

(b) **Third Committee**

After item 13, *insert*

14. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (P.38).